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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINER GROUP 1756

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Ryo KURODA et al. ) : Examiner: J. S. Ruggles  
Application No.: 10/648,317 ) : Group Art Unit: 1756  
Filed: August 27, 2003 ) : Confirmation No.: 3665  
For: NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD )  
EXPOSURE APPARATUS INCLUDING THE : July 18, 2006  
PHOTOMASK (As Amended) )

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, please amend the above  
identified application as follows pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116: